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Current Opportunities

For a list of current opportunities in Virginia, please [visit our site on 3RNet](#).

Upcoming Events

January 18-21

[22nd Annual Rural Health Care Leadership Conference](#)
Phoenix, AZ

January 22

[Psychological First Aid in Rural Communities](#)
Webinar

January 26-28

[NRHA's Rural Health Policy Institute](#)
Washington, DC

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Recruitment and Retention Collaborative Team Updates

VRHA News

The Virginia Rural Health Association recently held their 2008 Annual Conference. Following the theme "Moving from Plan to Action," the event focused on aspects of the [Virginia Rural Health Plan](#). Plenary sessions included a panel discussion about the feasibility of developing a mid-level provider for oral health and a presentation about how the new federal administration may impact health care reform. The conference wrapped up with a Legislative Round Table, allowing participants to ask Virginia officials specific policy questions. [Download copies of all presentations online](#).

2009 NHSC Loan Repayment Program application is NOW available

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program (LRP) [online application is NOW available](#). The deadline for the online application and all supporting documentation to be received in the NHSC office located at Discovery Logic, c/o NHSC LRP, 1375 Piccard Drive, Suite 350, Rockville, MD 20850 is January 31, 2008 (postmarked). You can view the [final FY 2009 NHSC LRP Applicant Information Bulletin \(AIB\)](#) online. Please read the FY 2009 NHSC LRP AIB because there are some significant changes this year.

Health Professional Workforce Study Underway

Between 2000 and 2020, Virginia's general population is expected to increase by 17 percent. As demand for health care services increase, understanding which health care professional areas will have the most significant shortages is important.

The [Joint Commission on Health Care](#) is studying Virginia's educational pipelines for physicians (including specialties), pharmacists, dentists and clinical psychologists as well as current and future shortages for each area. For these

current and future shortages for each area. For these professions, the time taken from entry into the professional school to practicing professional is at a minimum 4 years (not to mention developing the educational slots for additional incoming students at the schools). Therefore, significant foresight and planning is needed to meet shortage needs.

This study will be completed by the end of 2009 and will further Virginia's ability to develop a more comprehensive strategy and prioritization towards health care professional education areas and address ways to meet Virginia's future health care needs. If you are aware or have been a part of any Virginia's specific workforce studies in the last 10 years regarding the educational process, shortage, demand for any health care professional area, I would appreciate you sharing that with me at SBowman@jchc.virginia.gov.

Hispanic Medical Outreach Program at VCOM

On Sunday, November 16, 2008, VCOM students participated in a Health Screening Fair at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Roanoke, Virginia. The fair was geared toward Spanish speaking patients of the Roanoke region and over 100 patients were screened by VCOM students and faculty.

The Hispanic Community Medical Outreach Club (HCMO), founded earlier this year at VCOM, made its debut and coordinated the event with a primary focus on screening, awareness, and prevention. All information was provided in Spanish and stations included cholesterol and glucose screening, eye and ear check-ups, along with BMI and blood pressure evaluations. Educational tables included insurance information for children and information on how to care for chronic conditions such as hypertension and diabetes with emphasis on preventing heart disease and stroke.

According to OMSII Leo Diaz, President of the VCOM HCMO, "We are appreciative of the collaborative efforts of our student volunteers and community partners who donated supplies such as VCOM, APCA clinic, and the Free Clinic of The New River Valley. The support of Dean Rawlins for these events and, in particular for serving as our attending physician for this event, is demonstration of her ongoing efforts to provide healthcare to the underserved population and her continuing commitment to support student outreach endeavors."



Incentive Programs May be Affected by the Governor's Proposed Budget

Many of you may already know that the Commonwealth is currently undergoing a State Budget Reduction process. At this time, we would like to say thank you to those of you who utilize and recognize the value of the incentives programs currently administered by the VDH, Office of Minority Health and Public Health Policy (OMHPHP). We are certain that every

measure to assess the value of the programs and services provided by the office has been taken into consideration.

The Governor is currently developing a budget within the framework of the current economy and will announce it on December 17, 2008. At that time, OMHPHP will be prepared to communicate what programs and services will be continued. We encourage you to [bookmark our web page](#) to stay abreast of any changes. You can also contact Ms. Aileen Harris, the Health Care Workforce Manager, or her assistant, Ms. Ellen McCutcheon by calling the office at 804-864-7435 or by emailing incentiveprograms@vdh.virginia.gov.

2009 Student/Resident Workshop and Recruitment Fair

Mark Your Calendars - The Virginia Academy of Family Physicians, the Virginia Community Healthcare Association and the Virginia Recruitment & Retention Collaborative Team are sponsoring this event, scheduled for March 14, 2009 in Richmond, Virginia. This event will focus on encouraging graduating professional students and residents to "**Choose Virginia**" for practice. A workshop agenda and further details will be provided at the beginning of the year. Stay tuned!

VCOM Alum Wins National Award

VCOM Alum, Eric Sutherland D.O., placed first in the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) student poster and presentation competition among 99 entries at the National Convention in Las Vegas. Eric is a graduate of the VCOM's D.O. program and is completing his PhD in Health Promotion in the School of Education, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, at Virginia Tech.

Eric's poster titled "Telephonography Adoption and Use to Improve the Standard of Patient Care within the Dominican Republic" was based on findings from his Dissertation. The poster highlighted key findings from his research at the VCOM Veron Clinic in the Dominican Republic. A \$500 cash prize, first place ribbon and certificate were presented to Dr. Sutherland, D.O. who is currently in his first year of residency in radiology at St. James Hospital in Chicago.

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